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NEWS

Türkiye's August Exports Reached \$23.5 Billion

Our goods exports reached \$185 billion in the January-August period, while our exports over the last 12 months reached \$280.3 billion. We are up 4 percent in eight-month exports and 4.2 percent on a 12-month rolling basis.



Türkiye recorded three new export highs in August, with monthly shipments reaching \$23.47 billion, eight-month exports rising to \$185.01 billion and the rolling 12-month total climbing to \$280.3 billion. "This is the third-highest growth rate after the 21% increase in April and the 22% increase in June," Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat added.

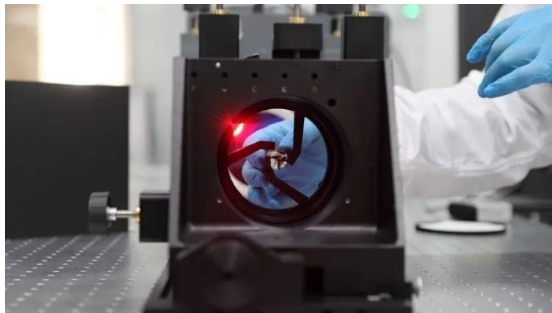
Automotive exports rose 2.3 percent to \$2.8 billion in August, while chemicals exports increased 3.4 percent to \$2.7 billion. Mining exports climbed 24.4 percent to \$650.5 million and ship and yacht exports advanced 22.9 percent to \$100.5 million. Defense and aerospace exports fell 38.7 percent year-on-year to \$511.4 million in August, although their eight-month total remained 16.2 percent higher at \$6.3 billion. Annualized services exports were estimated at \$125 billion as of August, compared with \$122.6 billion a month earlier.

The United States accounted for the largest increase in exports during the first eight months, with shipments rising by \$1.2 billion. Exports to the European Union grew 1.8 percent to \$78.1 billion.

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Türkiye's High-Tech Production Value Reaches Over \$28 Billion in 2025

Production value and revenue of high-tech manufacturing enterprises mark new milestone as number of high-tech firms jump 40% in over 5 years, official data shows



Türkiye's high-tech manufacturing production value surpassed 1 trillion Turkish lira (\$28 billion), with 479,164 enterprises operating in the sector last year, according to the Türkiye's statistical bureau TurkStat. Some 60,161 of these enterprises were classified as medium-high tech and 4,070 of them were high-tech enterprises, the data showed. The production value of these enterprises surpassed the 1 trillion Turkish lira

level for the first time, while the revenue of these firms also surpassed the same threshold in 2025. The number of Türkiye's high-tech enterprises in the manufacturing sector surged over the past five years from 2,892 in 2021 to 4,070 as of 2025, marking a 40% jump. The number of workers at these companies also rose from 119,326 to 142,779 over the same period, the data showed.

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Türkiye, Iraq Discuss Steps to Boost Trade to \$30B

Sides discuss Development Road cooperation, solutions to problems faced by Turkish exporters, Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat says



Türkiye and Iraq discussed steps to increase bilateral trade to \$30 billion during talks in Ankara, Turkish Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat said. Bolat met with Iraqi Ambassador to Ankara Majid Abdul Ridha Hassan Al-Lachmawi. The two discussed efforts to implement agreements reached during Iraqi Prime Minister Ali Falih al-Zeydi's visit to Türkiye last month, the Turkish trade minister said.

He said strengthening cooperation under the Development Road Project and steps to raise bilateral trade volume to \$30 billion were at the center of the meeting. The two sides also consulted on resolving the issues faced by Turkish exporters, Bolat said. "We once again reaffirmed our commitment to further advancing our relations with our neighbor Iraq through concrete projects," Bolat said. He noted that Iraq ranked fifth among Türkiye's export markets in 2025, as Turkish exports to the country reached approximately \$12.4 billion in 2025.

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Türkiye, Syria Discuss \$10B Trade Target in Damascus

Turkish Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat visits Damascus to discuss trade relations and investment opportunities with Syrian officials.



Bolat has arrived in Damascus with a business delegation for the 63rd Damascus International Fair, meeting Nidal al-Shaar, the Syrian economy and industry minister, to discuss steps towards reaching a bilateral trade volume target of \$10 billion. The officials evaluated cooperation to facilitate trade, particularly in transport and at customs gates, as well as the potential role of the Turkish private sector in Syria's reconstruction, Bolat said.

The ministers also reaffirmed their commitment to implementing the agreements reached during the Türkiye-Syria Joint Economic and Trade Commission meeting in April. Bolat later met Ahmad Rawad Ramadan, the newly appointed head of the Syrian Investment Agency, to discuss Turkish firms' investment interests. The two sides evaluated steps to create a predictable investment environment and planned investments in organised industrial zones in the Syrian regions of Kamune and Saraqib. Bolat emphasised that Ramadan's deep understanding of the Turkish business community would accelerate investment relations between Türkiye and Syria. Turkish businesspeople attending the meeting also shared their expectations and long-term investment plans to boost production and employment in the region.

Bolat mentioned that more than 800 firms from 44 countries participated in the Damascus International Fair last year, which also attracted around two million visitors. Bolat noted that Türkiye

participated with some 33 exhibitors last year, and the event has allocated a booth space of 120m² to the country at this year's edition, where a variety of activities will take place, ranging from the promotion of domestic products and tasting events to folk dances and more. "We deeply care about establishing a comprehensive and sustainable foundation for our relations with Syria, reinforcing one another in trade, investments, institutional contacts, and people-to-people interactions," he said. "We believe there are significant opportunities that Turkish and Syrian firms can explore together across a very broad range of sectors, ranging from infrastructure and superstructure to construction, from energy to logistics, food and textiles, machinery, chemicals, healthcare, and technology," he said.

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Türkiye Seeks Deeper Trade Ties with Syria, Supports Aleppo's Economic Revival

Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat meets Turkish and Syrian business representatives and visits industrial zone during a trip to Aleppo



Türkiye is working to strengthen economic and commercial relations with Syria while expanding cooperation to support Aleppo's reconstruction and economic development, Turkish Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat said. Bolat visited the Shaykh Najjar Industrial City during a trip to Aleppo, where he met industrialists and business representatives, Türkiye's Trade Ministry said in a statement. He received information on production activities, industrial infrastructure and commercial opportunities in the

area, emphasising Aleppo's central role in reviving the Syrian economy.

"While strengthening Türkiye-Syria economic and commercial relations, we are developing cooperation opportunities that will contribute to Aleppo's reconstruction and economic development," Bolat said. He stressed that stronger bilateral economic and trade relations would contribute to the prosperity of both countries, highlighting the importance of measures to promote production, investment and exports. Restoring production facilities, increasing employment and strengthening trade routes are crucial to Aleppo's economic recovery, the minister told business representatives.

Bolat said relations between Türkiye and Aleppo extend beyond commerce, pointing to nearly a millennium of kinship, neighbourly ties and shared culture in the region. Following his visit to the industrial zone, Bolat attended a roundtable meeting with Turkish and Syrian businesspeople. The meeting focused on bilateral trade relations, Aleppo's economic situation, the city's reconstruction and measures to develop its industrial and commercial infrastructure. Bolat said efforts to revitalise Aleppo were also of major importance for the future of the wider region.

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Türkiye, Qatar Target \$5B in Bilateral Trade Amid Expanding Economic Ties

Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat says the two countries are targeting \$5 billion in bilateral trade while strengthening investment and alternative transport corridors



Türkiye and Qatar have set a target of increasing their bilateral trade volume to \$5 billion, Turkish Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat said following talks in Ankara. Bolat met with Qatar's Minister of State for Foreign Trade, Ahmed bin Mohammed Al-Sayed, at the Trade Ministry to review bilateral commerce and investment ties. "Türkiye-Qatar relations have truly made tremendous progress. Our total annual foreign trade increased 53-fold over the past 21 years, reaching \$1.3 billion last year," Bolat told reporters

after the meeting.

Trade between the two nations previously climbed to \$2.5 billion during preparations for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, driven largely by construction projects, he added. Bolat noted that the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement, which entered into force last year, will make a significant contribution towards achieving the \$5 billion target. Turkish contractors have undertaken 206 projects worth a combined \$21 billion in Qatar, Bolat said. Approximately 1,116 Turkish companies currently operate across Qatar's construction, services, and manufacturing sectors. Meanwhile, around 250 Qatari companies hold investments totalling \$7.8 billion in Türkiye, covering finance, banking, energy, logistics, media, and agriculture. Bolat added that Al-Sayed conveyed the Qatar Investment Authority's desire to expand its investments in Türkiye, with related initiatives underway.

Addressing regional logistics challenges, Bolat stated that the closure of the Strait of Hormuz due to regional conflict has created supply bottlenecks, underscoring the urgent need for alternative trade routes. "The current circumstances have shown that alternative routes are greatly needed to avoid dependence solely on maritime transport and the Strait of Hormuz," he said. Under a transit transportation agreement with Saudi Arabia that took effect on April 15, Turkish carriers are conducting intensive shipments to Gulf countries through Syria, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia, as well as via Iraq and Saudi Arabia. "We will work together to establish these transit and trade corridors on a stronger and more stable basis," Bolat noted.

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Turkish Foreign Minister Visited Egypt on Aug. 13-14

Visit included 2nd meeting of Türkiye-Egypt Joint Planning Group, co-chaired by Foreign Ministers Hakan Fidan and Badr Abdelatty



Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan visited Egypt on Aug. 13-14, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said. As part of the visit, Fidan was received by Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi and held meetings with senior Egyptian officials. During the meetings, Fidan discussed bilateral relations, reviewed the current status of agreements under negotiation, and encouraged mutual investments in line with the common goal of increasing bilateral trade volume to \$15 billion. Fidan also discussed cooperation opportunities in various areas, particularly hydrocarbons, electricity grid integration, energy infrastructure, and mining.

He assessed steps that could be taken to advance existing cooperation in the military and defense industry fields and emphasized the importance of addressing regional issues through dialogue and diplomacy on the basis of regional ownership and shared responsibility. In this context, he underlined the determination to continue joint efforts both bilaterally and under multilateral platforms such as the R4 initiative, which brought together the foreign ministers of Türkiye, Egypt, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia. The visit included the second meeting of the Türkiye-Egypt Joint Planning Group, co-chaired by Fidan and Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty, according to Turkish Foreign Ministry sources. The meeting reviewed the outcomes of the second meeting of the High-Level Strategic Cooperation Council, which had been held in Cairo in February, and preparations were made for the third meeting, which was planned to be held in Türkiye in 2028.

Bilateral relations between Türkiye and Egypt had gained momentum through increasing high-level contacts and reciprocal visits. Abdelatty had visited Türkiye on Nov. 12, 2025, for the first meeting of the Joint Planning Group and had also attended the Antalya Diplomacy Forum held on April 17-19. Fidan had most recently visited Cairo on June 20-21 to attend the fourth meeting of the foreign ministers of Türkiye, Egypt, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia. Egypt ranked as Türkiye's leading trade and export partner in Africa. Bilateral trade volume, which had reached \$8 billion in 2025, was targeted to increase to \$15 billion in the coming period, in line with the goal set by the presidents of the two countries. Türkiye's investments in Egypt also demonstrated the strong and long-term nature of bilateral economic ties, with the total value of Turkish investments exceeding \$4 billion.

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Turkish Foreign Minister Paid Official Visit to Libya

Fidan held talks in Tripoli and Benghazi, with Türkiye-Libya ties, Libya's political process, energy and defense cooperation, and regional developments on the agenda



Türkiye's Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan paid an official visit to Libya. Fidan held meetings in Tripoli and Benghazi as part of his visit, the sources said. During the talks, Fidan comprehensively discussed agenda items aimed at strengthening Türkiye-Libya relations on the basis of historic bonds of brotherhood and mutual benefit in all areas, particularly political, commercial, energy, military, and defense ties. Fidan also exchanged views on recent developments in Libya's political process, underlined the importance

Türkiye attached to Libya's stability, and noted that Ankara was closely following US initiatives and the UN-led political process.

Bilateral trade volume between the two countries stood at \$3.5 billion in 2025. Despite the fragile conditions, Libya remained an important market for Türkiye's private sector. Bilateral economic relations also continued to develop in various areas, particularly the contracting sector. In this context, the 22nd Türkiye-Libya Joint Economic Commission Meeting was held in the Libyan capital, Tripoli, on Jan. 24. Türkiye's contracting sector undertook its first overseas project in Libya in 1972. Turkish companies had carried out 633 projects worth \$31 billion in the country. Libya ranked fourth among the countries where Turkish companies had undertaken the highest number of projects. Turkish companies had more than 40 ongoing projects in Libya, with a combined value exceeding \$2.3 billion. The steadily developing ties between Türkiye and Libya also created new opportunities in the energy sector. In February, the Turkish Petroleum Corporation won the right to jointly operate two oil fields in Libya's first licensing round in 17 years. An agreement concerning the fields was signed in Tripoli on June 15.

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Türkiye Seeks Role in EU Trade Policies to Reinforce Europe's Economic Security

Turkish Trade Minister Prof. Dr. Ömer Bolat says Ankara's inclusion would strengthen EU competitiveness and Europe's economic security



Türkiye's trade minister has said that the European Union's emerging trade, competition, and industrial policies should be designed to include Türkiye, arguing that such an approach would strengthen the bloc's competitiveness and Europe's economic security. Bolat made the remarks in a meeting with Spanish Economy, Trade, and Business Minister Carlos Cuerpo in Madrid to discuss bilateral economic relations, Türkiye-EU ties, and recent global and regional economic developments.

“We discussed the EU’s recently implemented trade, competition and industrial policies, particularly the Industrial Acceleration Act,” Bolat said. “We emphasised that shaping these policies through an inclusive approach that also covers Türkiye would make significant contributions both to the EU’s competitiveness and to Europe’s economic security,” he added. Bolat said Spain is one of Türkiye’s most important trading partners within the EU, calling the two countries strategic partners, friends, and allies. The two also discussed Türkiye’s expectations for the updating and more effective implementation of the Türkiye-EU Customs Union, which Bolat said forms the foundation of Ankara’s strong economic integration with EU member states. Public procurement was identified as another priority area that could advance economic cooperation, he said.

Bolat and Cuerpo agreed to hold the fourth meeting of the Türkiye-Spain Joint Economic and Trade Commission (JETCO) in Madrid this fall, with strong participation from the business communities of both countries. Spain is Türkiye’s fourth-largest trading partner within the EU, with annual bilateral trade currently totalling about \$20.5 billion. “Our goal is to increase our bilateral trade volume with Spain from \$20.5 billion to \$25 billion annually in the medium term,” Bolat said. He added that the longstanding friendship and strategic partnership between the two countries would continue to get stronger through innovative business initiatives and mutual trust.

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EU Steps on Customs Union, Visa Liberalisation in Everyone’s Interest: President Erdoğan

Speaking at a joint press conference with Chancellor Stocker of Austria, President Erdoğan said: “We are glad to see the positive momentum, which we have attained in our relations with Austria in the recent period, in our economic and trade relations as well. We believe that we will inshallah increase the nearly 4.5-billion-dollar trade volume, which we achieved in 2025, to our goal of 5-billion dollars this year.”



President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Chancellor Christian Stocker of Austria, who is paying an official visit to Türkiye, held a joint press conference following their talks at the Presidential Complex.

Voicing his pleasure over hosting Chancellor Stocker of Austria, who is paying his first visit to Türkiye as the Chancellor, in Ankara, President Erdoğan stated that the Austrian Turkish community, whose population has surpassed 400 thousand, undoubtedly continues to be the shared value and richness of the two

countries, and said: “We have discussed with Mr. Chancellor all the aspects of our bilateral relations. We have exchanged our views on the Türkiye-European Union relations as well as regional and global developments. We are glad to see the positive momentum, which we have attained in our relations with Austria in the recent period, in our economic and trade relations as well. We believe that we will inshallah increase the nearly 4.5-billion-dollar trade volume, which we achieved in 2025, to our goal of 5-billion dollars this year. Over 1,000 Austrian companies operate in our country. The direct investments originating from Austria have exceeded 11 billion dollars. Türkiye’s investments in Austria, on the other hand, have neared 1 billion dollars. All these figures are the most obvious sign of the potential between us.”

Stressing that he has conveyed Türkiye's views and expectations regarding the Türkiye-European Union relations to Mr. Chancellor as well, President Erdoğan noted: "I have underscored that the steps to be taken by the European Union on the update of the Customs Union and visa liberalization in particular will benefit all of us. We have also exchanged our views on regional and global matters. Ensuring Syria's territorial integrity and unity remain to be our top priority. We attach importance to Austria contributing to the reconstruction process of Syria. We continue to uphold the two-state solution that has an essential importance for lasting peace in the Middle East. The issue of the uninterrupted delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza, on which Mr. Chancellor, too, shows special sensitivity, preserves its importance under current conditions. We as Türkiye and Austria attach great importance to the continuation of stability in the Balkans as well."

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President Erdoğan, Other World Leaders Meets in Bishkek for SCO Summit

Turkish president addressed expanded-format summit session, held bilateral talks with leaders



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan visited Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, from August 31 to September 1 to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit, Türkiye's Head of Communications has said. As part of the visit, Erdoğan addressed the summit session held in an expanded format and held bilateral meetings with participating leaders. In addition to Erdoğan, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Pakistani Premier Shehbaz Sharif

and heads of state of other member countries attended the two-day SCO summit.

The summit marks 25 years of the regional bloc working to balance Western global influence. The organisation now has 10 members: Russia, China, India, Pakistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Belarus. On top of its members, it now has 15 "dialogue partners", including Türkiye, Azerbaijan, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. It also has two observer countries: Afghanistan and Mongolia. The SCO's founding declaration says the group is "not an alliance directed against other states".

The SCO represents around 3.4 billion people and roughly 25 percent of global GDP. Unlike NATO or the EU, it is neither a military alliance nor an economic union but a forum for security cooperation, economic ties and diplomacy.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan has said Türkiye will seek to deepen cooperation with the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), describing the group as a "rising star". "We will strive to advance our cooperation with the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, which we see as a rising star, in every field," Erdoğan said at the SCO Plus meeting in Bishkek, the Kyrgyz capital. "The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, representing 3.5 billion people and \$35 trillion in gross domestic product, is an indispensable element of a multipolar order," he said.

Erdoğan said Türkiye was taking responsibility for resolving conflicts through dialogue and diplomacy and would continue working for peace and stability around the world. He said the organisation could play a role not only in ensuring peace and stability, but also in establishing secure transport corridors and ensuring energy supply security. Erdoğan said Türkiye aimed to contribute to efforts to combat the negative effects of climate change and noted that the country would host the COP31 summit in Antalya on November 11-12. He said Ankara wanted the Caspian-crossing Middle Corridor initiative to be aligned with China's Belt and Road Initiative and attached great importance to cooperation within the SCO.

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Leaders of Shanghai Cooperation Organization Adopt Bishkek Declaration, Pledge Deeper Ties As Bloc

The 10-member organisation endorses more than 20 agreements spanning security, trade, AI, energy and transport while calling for a more balanced global order



Leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) have adopted the Bishkek Declaration, pledging to deepen cooperation across security, trade and technology as the regional bloc marked its 25th anniversary. The declaration was approved at a summit in Kyrgyzstan's capital, attended by Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, among other leaders. The 10 member states reaffirmed their commitment to international law and the UN Charter and called for a stronger UN

role in maintaining international peace and security and promoting sustainable development.

The bloc also backed what it described as a more representative and just multipolar world order, calling for reforms to global governance that would give countries a more equal voice in international decision-making. The declaration called for responsible development and use of artificial intelligence, reforms to global economic governance and stronger cooperation on sustainable development.

Beyond the main declaration, leaders signed more than 20 additional documents covering security, drug trafficking, technology, transport, energy and environmental cooperation. The agreements include measures to strengthen regional security, combat drug trafficking, improve transport and logistics links, expand AI and digital infrastructure, and deepen energy and environmental cooperation. The summit also approved closer cooperation between the SCO and the African Union Commission and designated Lahore, Pakistan, as the organisation's tourism and cultural capital for 2026-2027. The SCO currently has 10 members: Belarus, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. Pakistan will take over the organisation's rotating chairmanship from Kyrgyzstan and host the next SCO Council of Heads of State meeting in 2027.

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Türkiye's Trade With Turkic States Rises 6.6% to \$10.1B in First Seven Months of 2026

Trade with OTS members rose 6.6 percent year-on-year in the first seven months of 2026, while Kazakhstan remained Türkiye's biggest trading partner within the group.



Türkiye's trade with fellow members of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) has risen 6.6 percent year-on-year to \$10.1 billion in the first seven months of 2026, according to the Turkish Trade Ministry. The ministry said that trade between Türkiye and other OTS members had expanded nearly twentyfold since 2002, rising from \$871 million to \$16.9 billion by the end of 2025.

Kazakhstan was Türkiye's largest trading partner among OTS members last year, with bilateral trade totalling \$7.8 billion. It was followed by Azerbaijan with \$4.3 billion, Uzbekistan with \$3.1 billion and Kyrgyzstan with \$1.6 billion. Türkiye's trade with OTS observer countries — Turkmenistan, Hungary and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus — increased 6.8 percent in 2025 to \$10 billion. In January-July 2026, trade with the observer countries rose 5.1 percent from the same period a year earlier to \$6.1 billion. Annualised trade with OTS members and observer countries consequently reached \$27.8 billion as of July, according to the ministry.

The OTS was established in 2009 and adopted its current name at the Istanbul Summit in 2021. Türkiye, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan are members, while Turkmenistan, Hungary and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus have observer status. The ministry said the eastward shift in the centre of global production and trade over the past quarter-century had increased the strategic importance of the Turkic region within international trade and logistics networks. It added that opportunities offered by the Trans-Caspian East-West-Middle Corridor, commonly known as the Middle Corridor, held significant potential for deeper economic integration across the Turkic world.

The ministry said Türkiye would continue efforts to strengthen economic and commercial integration within the OTS and make effective use of the Middle Corridor's strategic advantages.

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Türkiye Boosts Commercial Integration With Islamic Countries

Turkish exports to Islamic countries reach \$41.5B in first 7 months of 2026, up by \$345.7M



Türkiye's exports to Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member countries reached \$41.5 billion in the first seven months of 2026, increasing by \$345.7 million on a yearly basis, the Turkish Trade Ministry announced. The OIC was established in 1969 to strengthen cooperation and solidarity among Islamic countries and protect common rights and interests, representing approximately a quarter of the world's population and one-tenth of global income with its 57 member states, the ministry said.

In this context, the ministry's Strategy for Developing Exports with OIC Members effectively supports the activities of exporters toward Islamic countries that hold an important place in the global economy. Under the strategy, which is also included in the 2026-2028 Medium Term Program, the share of Islamic countries in total exports, currently at 27%, is targeted to rise to 30% by 2028. Within the scope of the strategy, 21 countries whose economic and commercial data were analyzed in detail were designated as first-phase focus countries, namely Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, the UAE, Algeria, Indonesia, Morocco, Ivory Coast, Qatar, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Egypt, Nigeria, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Senegal, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Jordan and Oman. Türkiye's foreign trade volume with OIC countries stood at \$87.6 billion in 2013, increasing approximately 1.4 times to reach \$119.1 billion as of 2025. Trade with OIC countries continued to increase in the first seven months of this year. In the January-July period, Türkiye's foreign trade volume with OIC countries increased by 2.2% compared to the same period last year, reaching \$69.2 billion. In the same period, Türkiye's exports to OIC countries stood at \$41.5 billion, an increase of \$345.7 million, or 0.8%, compared to the same period of the previous year.

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Istanbul Hosts Global E-Export Summit IGEXX 2026

Event gathers global marketplaces, leading retailers, ambitious brands scaling cross-border, technology integration partners, logistics providers, policymakers



The Istanbul Global E-Export Summit, known as IGEXX 2026, opened its doors to connect ecosystem leaders and shape the future of cross-border digital trade. The Türkiye Exporters Assembly organized the biennial flagship gathering in strategic collaboration with the Electronic Commerce Business Association under the coordination of the Trade Ministry. The summit highlighted the theme "Beyond Borders"

for the 2026 edition to address crossing countries and platforms alongside the next frontiers of technology, resilience, and intelligent growth.

The event brought together global marketplaces, leading retailers, ambitious brands scaling cross-border, technology integration partners, logistics providers, and policymakers. Summit organizers stated that geopolitical shifts, growing fragmentation, supply chain recalibration, regulatory divergence, and intensified global competition rewrote cross-border commerce in real time. They noted that the AI revolution changed the rules of discovery, demand creation, operations, and customer experience. The gathering emphasized that the advantage in the digital era belongs to those who turn data into judgment, speed into strategy, and automation into an edge.

Participants discussed the necessity of moving from big data to big mind during the comprehensive sessions. The event featured various panels such as "Beyond AI: The Energy Challenge of the Digital Economy," "The New Trade Map: How Global Disruptions Are Reshaping E-Export," and "Selling to Strangers: Building Trust Beyond Borders with AI." The summit also hosted the "Beyond Borders Awards" to celebrate e-export success stories and concrete partnerships.

Ahead of the summit, which brought together 50 global marketplaces representing an aggregate volume of approximately USD 2.75 trillion. In 2024, more than 3,000 participants from 30 countries

attended the summit, 900 companies held more than 2,000 bilateral business meetings with 33 marketplaces, and a trade volume exceeding USD 1 billion was generated.

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SECTORS

Türkiye Becomes 71st Signatory to NASA's Artemis Accords

Established in 2020, the Artemis Accords set principles for international cooperation in space.



Türkiye has joined NASA's Artemis Accords, becoming the 71st country to sign an international framework aimed at promoting peaceful, transparent, and cooperative exploration of the Moon, Mars, and beyond. Turkish Industry and Technology Minister Mehmet Fatih Kacır signed the accords on behalf of Türkiye during a ceremony at NASA headquarters in Washington, hosted by NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman. "It is my privilege to welcome the Republic of Türkiye as the 71st signatory of

the Artemis Accords," Isaacman said, according to a NASA statement highlighting Türkiye's growing role in space exploration.

The Turkish foreign ministry also said in an official statement released that "Türkiye will continue to support international cooperation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space, and to contribute to efforts in the fields of space technologies and exploration through an inclusive and innovative approach grounded in international law." The accords, established in 2020 by NASA, the US State Department, and seven founding countries, set principles for international cooperation in space, including peaceful exploration, sharing scientific data, providing assistance when needed, and protecting historically significant sites and artefacts.

Türkiye's signing comes amid growing activity in the country's space programme. In 2024, Alper Gezeravci became Türkiye's first astronaut, travelling to the International Space Station and doing scientific research with NASA astronauts. Türkiye is also preparing to launch its first lunar mission, AYAP-1, joining the small but growing group of countries building and launching their own satellites to the Moon. The signing precedes the International Astronautical Congress, which Türkiye will host in the city of Antalya in October. The event is expected to bring together dozens of Artemis Accords signatories to discuss the future of peaceful and transparent space exploration. Turkish foreign ministry added that the congress will also provide an important platform for further advancing this shared vision.

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Türkiye, AIIB Sign Multimillion Dollar Environmental Deal

The agreement will initially target advanced wastewater treatment and environmental infrastructure projects across the Marmara region.



Türkiye has signed a cooperation agreement with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) that will support environmental investments, urban infrastructure and climate crisis efforts, the Turkish environment minister said. Murat Kurum said that the first phase of the agreement would focus on environmental projects in the Marmara region through an investment package worth around \$465 million.

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Türkiye Ranks 2nd Globally With 48 Contractors Among Top 250

Türkiye ranks second after China in the number of builders on global list, with \$24.9B in projects and a 4.5% revenue share



Some 48 Turkish builders made the cut for Engineering News-Record's (ENR) top 250 largest construction firms this year, securing Türkiye second place worldwide in the number of firms on the list, following China, the Turkish Trade Ministry said. Turkish contractors undertook \$24.9 billion in global projects last year, up from \$20.8 billion in 2024, while securing a 4.5% share of the \$550.6 billion in total construction revenue generated by the 250 firms on

ENR's list, which also marked 9.7% growth, the ministry's statement said.

Türkiye climbed two spots from last year to rank seventh worldwide in global project value. Some seven Turkish construction companies entered the top 100 in this year's list, with two of those breaking into the top 50. "The global construction market continued to grow while the sector grappled with key challenges, such as geopolitical uncertainties, supply chain disruptions, rising costs, a shortage of skilled labor, and adverse weather conditions linked to climate change," the statement read. "More comprehensive business models like local partnerships, risk management, technical capacity, digitalization, and public-private partnerships (PPPs) enhanced the competitive edge of companies," it added. Meanwhile, ENR's list of the top 225 global engineering consulting firms was also updated, adding nine Turkish firms this year compared with eight last year.

Turkish builders have undertaken 12,952 global construction projects worth over \$568 billion across 138 countries to date. Turkish engineering consultancy firms have completed some 3,177 global technical projects worth around \$3.8 billion across 138 countries.

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Türkiye, Bulgaria Discuss New Railway Links to Boost Europe-Asia Trade

Transport ministers assess second railway connection, double-tracking sections of Plovdiv-Svilengrad-Türkiye border route



Türkiye and Bulgaria discussed steps to strengthen bilateral transport links and expand railway capacity amid growing freight traffic, Turkish Transport and Infrastructure Minister Abdulkadir Uraloğlu said. Uraloğlu met Bulgarian Transport and Communications Minister Georgi Peev and his delegation in Sofia, the Bulgarian capital. The talks focused on developing international transport infrastructure to accommodate

increasing rail traffic under the Development Road project. The two sides also evaluated plans for a second railway connection and converting sections of the Plovdiv-Svilengrad-Türkiye border railway line into double-track infrastructure. Uraloğlu said Türkiye would continue working to ensure that stronger transport links between the two countries further contribute to trade and transportation between Europe and Asia.

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Türkiye's Aviation Sector Climbs to Top 3 in Europe in Passenger Traffic

Türkiye handles over 2.5M flights per year across 356 destinations with airport passenger capacity surging to nearly 400M and aircraft fleet to over 2,200 since 2002, says Turkish transport minister



Türkiye's annual airport passenger traffic surged from 55 million to nearly 400 million over the past 24 years, reaching a level capable of serving more than the combined populations of some 26 EU countries, the Turkish transport and infrastructure minister said. Abdulkadir Uraloğlu stated that the country's civil aviation infrastructure has expanded since 2002, with the total number of airports rising from 26 to 58 and terminal areas

growing from 541,000 square meters (5.8 million square feet) to 4.1 million square meters (44.1 million square feet).

The annual number of passengers served grew from around 34 million to 247.1 million by the end of 2025, while daily traffic surged from 92,000 to 677,000 over the same period. Flight frequency also boomed, with the total number of flights rising from 532,000 to over 2.5 million and the daily number of flights exceeding 6,800. Uraloğlu stated that the expansion of Turkish civil aviation improved the country's global standing, taking it from 18th to seventh in global passenger traffic and from seventh to third in Europe. Meanwhile, Türkiye's fleet size and capabilities multiplied, with the total number of registered aircraft surging from 626 to 2,218, including a jump in wide-body aircraft from 150 to 800 over the same 24-year period. The total airline seat capacity rose from 25,000 to 157,000, while the country's global connectivity expanded, with the number of international destinations surging from 60 to 356 and air transport agreements with other countries rising from 81 to 175. The airspace network grew by 91% as defined flight routes were extended from 41,901 kilometers (26,036 miles) to 80,000 kilometers (49,710 miles) across the globe. Aircraft parking positions increased from 332 to 1,739,

navigation aids from 215 to 589, and the total runway length from 149 kilometers (93 miles) to 241.4 kilometers (150 miles) over the 24-year period.

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Turkish TV Series Exports Exceed \$1B as Global Audience Tops 1B

Productions reach over 1B viewers in more than 170 countries, says Türkiye's Head of Communications Burhanettin Duran



A programme focusing on the contribution of Turkish television series to Türkiye's global brand brought together senior officials and representatives of the industry. The event, titled *The Global Narrative of the Türkiye Brand: Turkish TV Series*, was organised by Türkiye's Communications Directorate. Türkiye's Head of Communications, Burhanettin Duran, said Turkish productions reached more than 1 billion viewers in over 170 countries and that Türkiye ranked among the world's top three exporters of television series.

Culture and Tourism Minister Mehmet Nuri Ersoy said Turkish series had become a strategic asset that went far beyond their economic value by increasing interest in Türkiye's language, culture, gastronomy, and destinations. Ersoy added that eight promotional productions launched since June 2025 had generated 30 billion impressions and 5.5 billion views.

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Istanbul Park to Host Formula 1 Races Through 2031 Season

Culture and Tourism Minister Mehmet Nuri Ersoy says Turkish Grand Prix to return to FIA Formula 1 World Championship calendar in 2027



The Turkish Grand Prix will return to the FIA Formula 1 World Championship calendar beginning with the 2027 season, Culture and Tourism Minister Mehmet Nuri Ersoy said. Istanbul Park will host Formula 1 races through the end of the 2031 season under a five-year agreement, according to a statement from the Culture and Tourism Ministry. Türkiye previously hosted Formula 1 races from 2005 to 2011 and again in 2020

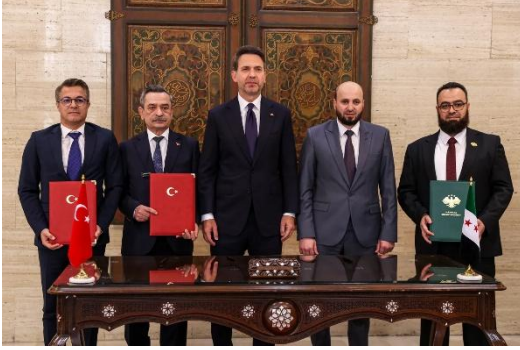
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ENERGY

Türkiye, Syria Sign Phosphate Deal to Deepen Energy Ties

The agreement covers phosphate production, mining-site development and a railway link to ports, as Ankara prepares to nearly triple electricity exports to Syria.



Türkiye and Syria have signed a phosphate cooperation deal covering production, mining-site development and transport infrastructure as the two neighbours seek to deepen energy ties. Under the memorandum of understanding, signed in Damascus, the two countries will cooperate on phosphate production, mining-site development and related transport infrastructure. The memorandum was concluded between MTA International, a subsidiary of Türkiye's General

Directorate of Mineral Research and Exploration, and Syria's General Establishment of Geology and Mineral Resources.

Speaking at a joint news conference following the signing ceremony, Turkish Energy and Natural Resources Minister Alparslan Bayraktar said the two countries had significant potential for cooperation, particularly in the energy and mining sectors. "Following the signing of this framework agreement, we aim to develop a project covering phosphate production, the development of phosphate fields and the construction of a railway extending to the port," Bayraktar said. He described the agreement as "a very good beginning", adding that the two countries would also work together to bring iron ore deposits near Aleppo into the economy.

Bayraktar said Turkish companies would continue investing in Syria, particularly in electricity generation, transmission and other infrastructure projects. Türkiye has gradually increased electricity supplies to Syria as part of its support for the country's reconstruction, he said. With the Birecik-Aleppo transmission line expected to become operational, we will nearly triple these exports and reach 800 to 900 megawatts," Bayraktar added. The new line is expected to increase the number of hours electricity is available each day in Syria.

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Türkiye, Saudi Arabia to Expand Renewable Energy Projects

Countries plan additional 3,000-MW agreement as Ankara also eyes new regional oil, gas routes



Türkiye and Saudi Arabia are set to expand their renewable energy cooperation with an additional 3,000-megawatt agreement, bringing the total planned capacity under their projects in Türkiye to 5,000 megawatts, Energy and Natural Resources Minister Alparslan Bayraktar said. Bayraktar recalled that Türkiye and Saudi Arabia had previously signed an agreement covering 2,000 MW of renewable energy projects.

"We will increase this to 5,000 megawatts with a 3,000-megawatt agreement on the sidelines of the UN Climate Conference in Antalya," said Bayraktar, according to a statement released. The minister also outlined Türkiye's progress in energy and mining over the past 25 years, Türkiye has quadrupled its installed electricity capacity, from 32,000 megawatts to 126,000 megawatts," he said, adding that the country had commissioned around 95,000 MW of new capacity over the past 24 years. Bayraktar said Türkiye now has Europe's third-largest installed electricity capacity, as well as the third-highest electricity generation and consumption. He added that oil production had tripled, natural gas production had increased ninefold and mineral exports had risen tenfold.

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Renewables Dominate Türkiye's Power Capacity With 62.8% Share

Combined solar and wind capacity reaches 42,865 megawatts, accounting for 33.8% of total installed capacity



Renewable energy accounted for 62.8% of Türkiye's total installed power capacity, reaching 79,433 megawatts (MW), according to the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources. Installed electricity capacity reached 126,476 MW last month, with domestic energy sources representing 71.9% of the total. Solar power capacity reached 27,507 MW, accounting for 21.7% of Türkiye's total installed electricity capacity. Wind

capacity stood at 15,358 MW, with a 12.1% share. Combined solar and wind capacity reached 42,865 MW, representing 33.8% of the country's total installed capacity. Hydropower remained the largest source, with 32,344 MW, accounting for 25.6% of the total. Natural gas-fired power capacity stood at 25,013 MW, representing 19.9%, domestic coal capacity reached 11,565 MW, with a 9.1% share, and imported coal capacity stood at 10,466 MW, accounting for 8.3%. Biomass capacity reached 2,425 MW, representing 1.9% of total capacity, while geothermal capacity stood at 1,798 MW, with a 1.4% share.

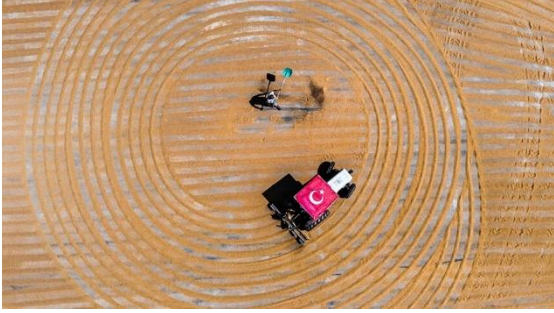
Energy and Natural Resources Minister Alparslan Bayraktar said Türkiye continues to expand its energy capacity for a "stronger, more independent and more prosperous Türkiye," reiterating the goal of achieving "full energy independence." Bayraktar said the 42,865 MW of installed solar and wind capacity demonstrates Türkiye's "strong commitment" to energy transition.

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Türkiye Ranks 7th Globally, 1st In Europe In Agricultural Output

Country's agricultural output rose to \$83.2B in 2025 from \$24.5B in 2002, says Turkish agriculture minister



Türkiye last year ranked seventh globally and first in Europe in agricultural output, the nation's agriculture and forestry minister said. "Türkiye ranked 12th in the world in 2002 with agricultural output worth \$24.5 billion. According to 2025 data, Türkiye rose to seventh globally and first in Europe with \$83.2 billion," Ibrahim Yumaklı said.

He said 206 plant products are commercially cultivated in the country, while noting that it is not possible to domestically produce every agricultural product grown worldwide. Yumaklı also highlighted investments in irrigation infrastructure, saying the State Hydraulic Works has built more than 120,000 kilometers (74,565 miles) of infrastructure since 2002—enough to circle the globe three times over. He also said Türkiye plants 500 million seeds and saplings annually and ranks first in Europe in afforestation. On Nov. 11, 2025, a total of 14 million seeds and saplings were planted across the country in a single day, he added.

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FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

As of 2024, Türkiye ranked fourth among global fresh vegetable producers and accounted for 2.65% of worldwide production. Accounting for approximately 10% of Türkiye's total agricultural exports, the fresh fruit and vegetable sector recorded exports of approximately USD 3.2 billion in 2025, representing a 1.3% increase compared to the previous year. Citrus fruits remained the sector's strongest product group, with an export value of approximately USD 1.5 billion. Mandarins ranked first among citrus exports with nearly USD 950 million in export earnings, with the Satsuma variety constituting the principal export product. Turkish lemons also stood out with an export value of approximately USD 413 million, while the Interdonato and Lamas varieties continued to enjoy strong demand in international markets. Tomatoes remained one of the sector's most important export products, generating export revenues of USD 402.4 million and accounting for a 12.5% share of total fresh fruit and vegetable exports. Pomegranates, peaches, apples, and grapes were among the other leading export commodities.

In recent years, exports of mandarins, peppers, and pomegranates have shown a particularly strong upward trend. In addition, among table grape varieties, Sultana grapes continue to be one of the most sought-after products in international markets. Traditional Turkish fruits such as figs, quinces, and pomegranates are gaining increasing recognition abroad owing to their superior quality and distinctive flavor characteristics. Within the fresh vegetable category, exports of cucumbers and pickled cucumbers, peppers, and onions continue to play an important role in the sector. Türkiye's fresh fruit and vegetable products currently reach a broad range of international markets, with exports being shipped to more than 120 countries and free zones worldwide.

Favorable weather conditions and rainfall have boosted the yield of many fresh fruits in Türkiye, with exports from the sector topping \$1 billion (TL 48.14 billion) for the first time in the January-July period in 2026.

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HAZELNUT AND HAZELNUT PRODUCTS

Türkiye's share of global production, which hovers around 800,000–1.2 million tons (in-shell), ranges between 65% and 75%. Türkiye's in-shell hazelnut production, which stood at around 100,000 tons in the 1960s, increased steadily to 300,000–400,000 tons in the 1980s and reached approximately 600,000 tons in the 2000s. As Türkiye is the leading country in global hazelnut production and exports, any actual or potential developments related to hazelnut production, trade, or prices have a direct impact on international markets. Türkiye is currently the world's largest exporter of hazelnuts. While in-shell and shelled hazelnuts accounted for approximately 90% of exports until the 1980s, around 28 varieties of processed hazelnut products are now exported to countries around the world. Whereas processed hazelnut products represented approximately 27% of total hazelnut exports only a few years ago, this share has increased to around 40% in recent years. Most of the remaining exports continue to consist of shelled hazelnuts.

Türkiye's hazelnut processing industry possesses facilities capable of meeting international market demands in all respects. These facilities employ advanced technologies, and production is monitored at every stage through physical, chemical, and microbiological testing. In addition, products are packaged without direct human contact. Research and development activities have intensified in recent years, leading to a growing variety of hazelnut products. Combined with advances in packaging technologies, these developments have contributed to extended shelf life and enhanced product quality.

An examination of Türkiye's hazelnut export data for 2025 indicates that the country has maintained its strong position in global hazelnut trade. During the period in question, a total of 240.6 thousand tons of hazelnuts were exported, generating approximately USD 2.26 billion in foreign exchange earnings. The top 20 destination countries accounted for nearly 216.6 thousand tons of total exports, while export revenues from these markets exceeded USD 2 billion.

These figures demonstrate the decisive role of European countries, particularly Germany, Italy, and France, in Türkiye's hazelnut exports. European Union member states, where the chocolate and confectionery industries are highly developed, continue to be among the most important importers of Turkish hazelnuts. When Germany, Italy, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Belgium, and Austria are considered collectively, it becomes evident that the majority of exports are concentrated in European markets. This highlights the strategic importance of Turkish hazelnuts for the European food industry.

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NUTS AND DRIED FRUITS

PISTACHIO

Türkiye ranks second in the world with an average production of approximately 275,000 tons. Our country is among the leading producers of pistachios on a global scale, and production volumes may fluctuate from season to season due to the crop's natural alternate-bearing (on year/off-year) characteristic. Nevertheless, Türkiye maintains a strong production capacity on the basis of the last five-season average.

Our pistachio exports in 2024 amounted to approximately 445 million dollars (41,100 tonnes). In 2025, our pistachio exports increased by approximately 11.7% compared to the previous year, rising to approximately 497 million US dollars (39,800 tonnes).

DRIED FIG

According to data from the International Nut and Dried Fruit Council (INC), Türkiye ranks first in world dried fig production in the 2024/25 season with 87,100 tonnes. Türkiye alone accounts for approximately 63% of global dried fig production. While figs produced outside the Aegean Region are predominantly consumed fresh, the majority of figs produced in the Aegean Region are processed by drying. Although many fig varieties are grown in Türkiye, the variety known as "Sarı Lop" in particular is regarded as one of the most suitable varieties in the world for drying, owing to its size, flavor, fleshy texture, light color, and soft skin. The most important production area for this fig variety in our country is around İzmir and Aydın. The Sarı Lop variety accounts for more than 90% of our country's fig production.

Once the harvesting process is complete, fresh figs are spread on wooden or metal trays or cardboard containers and dried in the sun for 2–4 days. The drying process not only extends the storage life of the fig but also increases its nutritional value. While fresh figs contain approximately 12% sugar, the sugar content rises to 50% after drying. Before being processed at facilities, figs purchased by our exporters are subjected to procedures such as washing, cleaning, and handling under UV light for aflatoxin control to protect against spoilage.

Dried fig, which holds a special place among foodstuffs owing to its high caloric value and rich mineral and nutrient content, has a wide variety of consumption areas. In international markets, dried figs are consumed as a snack as well as being used in cake manufacturing, the preparation of various dishes, sliced in bread manufacturing, in confectionery production, and in mixed fruit products. Molasses is produced from figs not preferred for direct consumption, while ethyl alcohol is produced from waste figs. During the production of ethyl alcohol, fig seeds are also utilized in the dye, cosmetics, and pharmaceutical industries.

Türkiye ranks first in world dried fig exports, with more than 80% of the dried figs produced in our country being subject to export. Our dried fig exports, which stood at 419 million dollars in 2024, increased by 9.4% in 2025 to reach 459 million dollars. The European Union accounts for 55% of our total dried fig exports, with the Americas, Canada, and the People's Republic of China being our other most important markets. Our dried fig exporters are predominantly based in the Aegean region, and these companies are also engaged in the trade of other dried fruit products in addition to dried figs.

DRIED APRICOT

Although apricot cultivation is spread across many regions of the world, dried apricot production is concentrated particularly in Türkiye, as well as in Central Asia and the surrounding geography.

According to data from the International Nut and Dried Fruit Council (INC), world dried apricot production in the 2024/25 season amounted to 167,917 tonnes, with Türkiye holding a commanding lead in world dried apricot production with an output of 107,517 tonnes and a share of 64%. A significant portion of the apricots produced are exported after drying, while the remainder is largely consumed as table fruit, with a portion also used in industrial production. According to world dried apricot exports, it is seen that our country ranks first in exports of this product with a share of 67%.

Dried apricot is one of the important traditional export products of our dried fruit sector. Another notable aspect of our dried apricot exports is the concentration of exports in certain countries. When our country's most important export markets are examined, it is seen that the USA ranks first, followed respectively by France, Germany, and the United Kingdom.

DRIED GRAPE

More than 1,200 grape varieties have been identified in our country. When production is examined by region, seedless grape cultivation is developing in the Aegean, table and wine grape cultivation in Marmara, early-season varieties in the Mediterranean, and wine, table, and seeded drying grape cultivation in Central Anatolia and Southeastern Anatolia.

It is estimated that, while varying from year to year, an average of 5–10% of the grapes produced are dried. The dried grapes that are subject to world trade and hold the greatest importance in exports are seedless varieties, particularly the "Sultani" type. Our country's Sultani — or Sultaniye — seedless grape is recognized worldwide. The Sultaniye, type seedless dried grape is an improved variety of the round seedless grape developed in the late 18th century. It took the name "sultaniye" because it was deemed worthy of sultans, gracing the tables of rulers due to its exceptional quality.

Grapes produced in Türkiye are predominantly consumed as dried and table grapes; however, a portion of the grapes is also utilized by industry, either directly in forms such as pekmez (grape molasses), bulama, pestil (fruit leather), and Turkish delight, or indirectly, as in the production of vinegar and alcoholic beverages. Grape consumption in Türkiye varies depending on whether the production is destined for table use, wine production, or drying, with the emphasis in dried grapes being on exports.

Dried grape, a source of protein and carbohydrates, is experiencing increasingly growing demand worldwide owing to the iron, phosphate, calcium, and other minerals it contains, as well as vitamins A, B1, B2, B6, and C. Particularly in developed countries, heightened awareness of healthy food consumption is leading to a greater inclusion of such products in dietary habits. In this respect, dried grape is a product with the potential to capture a larger share of the global food market in the years ahead.

According to data on world dried grape exports, it is seen that our country ranks first with a share of 26.7%, Türkiye holds the most active role in world grape trade. Among grape varieties produced for export in Türkiye, seedless grapes rank first. Sultani seedless dried grapes account for approximately 95% of Türkiye's grape exports. Considering the data on Türkiye's dried grape exports by country, it is seen that our most important export markets are EU countries, namely the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Germany, and Italy. These countries re-export a portion of the dried grapes they import from Türkiye.

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POULTRY MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

From Türkiye's perspective, the sector is one of the leading branches of the agriculture and food industry thanks to its modern production infrastructure, advanced processing capacity, and export potential. In addition to its contribution to production, employment, and exports, the sector also supports many related industries such as feed, logistics, and packaging. Considering Türkiye's production capacity and regional competitiveness, the sector's presence and effectiveness in international markets are expected to continue increasing. Based on 2025 figures, Türkiye ranked as the world's 15th largest exporter in the sector. Türkiye's share in global poultry meat and products exports stood at 1.44% in 2025.

Türkiye has reached EU standards in terms of technological capacity in poultry meat and products production. According to 2025 data from the Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT), Türkiye produced 2.7 million tons of chicken meat and 25.4 thousand tons of Türkiye meat.

Türkiye exported poultry meat and products worth USD 772 million in 2025. The country's main export items in the sector are frozen whole chicken, frozen chicken cuts, and prepared/preserved chicken meat products. Current export markets for the Turkish poultry sector extend across a wide geographical area, particularly including the Middle East, the Far East, and the Caucasus region, with Iraq being the leading destination market.

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SUGAR AND CHOCOLATE CONFECTIONERY

The Turkish confectionery and chocolate products sector are one of the most dynamic sub-sectors of the food industry, supported by its deep-rooted history and strong traditional consumption culture. While the foundations of the sector are based on traditional Turkish sweets such as Turkish delight and halva, product diversity has continued to evolve through changing consumer preferences and modern production practices. The Turkish confectionery sector has always been dynamic thanks to Türkiye's young and growing population, and traditional habits of consumption. Sugar confectionery plays a great role in Turkish tradition, being widely served as gifts during religious festivals, wedding ceremonies and celebrations. It is also a common choice of present when visiting family or friends. This traditional popularity means sugar confectionery performs much better in Türkiye than in many other countries.

However, despite their popularity, traditional confectionery products are strongly challenged by other confectionery products, particularly chocolate confectionery. Chocolate confectionery is one of the most dynamic products in Türkiye thanks to several factors, such as the young and rapidly growing population and their growing demand for chocolate with toys, developing distribution channels, manufacturers' heavy advertisements, new product developments and increasing multinational investments. The most popular types of chocolate confectionery are count lines, tablets and boxed assortments. Manufacturers have successfully diversified the number and type of products available. Türkiye has the advantage of being self-sufficient in sugar which is one of the main confectionery ingredients. Türkiye is also in a very advantageous situation thanks to its dominance in the world production of dried fruits (dried apricots, raisins, dried figs) and edible nuts (hazelnuts, pistachios). The hazelnut, in particular, is now one of the basic ingredients widely used in the confectionery sector. Hazelnut flour, roasted and sliced hazelnuts are used in the production of sweets, cakes and biscuits.

Hazelnut paste is used in the production of chocolate. The special products supplied for direct consumption are hazelnut puree, halva and hazelnut cream.

Turkish pistachios, are also used in the production of Turkish delight, halva and chocolate, and Turkish sultanas (raisins), as well as used in the production of certain cakes, biscuits, and confectionery products. The advantage of being a producer and supplier of various agricultural products combined with high technology, has increased the product variety in the industry. Apricots and dried apricots have been used in the production of newly developed confectionery products such as apricot bars, delight and paste in recent years. Türkiye is not only in an advantageous situation with respect to the ingredients used in the confectionery sector but also provides good opportunity for its confectionery producers and exporters, with its increasing potential in the overall size of the market.

Production trends of confectionery products are closely related to domestic and foreign demand. The production capacity is well over the domestic demand, and as a result, most middle and large sized companies export their products. Production of Turkish delight and halva dates back to ancient times. Turkish delight, as the name indicates, is a product originating in Türkiye. Sugar, glucose and cornstarch are the raw materials used in its production. Halva is consumed throughout the year by consumers. It is cheaper than many other sweets and, in addition, it is very delicious and nutritious. The ingredients used in its production are flour, semolina and sugar. Honey or grape molasses can also be used in some varieties of halva instead of sugar. Changing lifestyles and increasing health consciousness among consumers are notable trends affecting the sector. Consumers are demanding more innovative products. Therefore, new products are introduced regularly to the Turkish confectionery market.

The sector has become one of the most important subsectors of the food industry using modern technology together with the traditional production methods. The Turkish sugar and chocolate confectionery sector has the most advanced technology in the Middle East, Balkans, North Africa, Baltics and Central Asia. Turkish products are more widely diversified and of a higher quality. Quality is one issue that Turkish exporters give priority to. As a result of integration with the European Union (EU), Turkish food laws are being harmonized with the relevant EU Directives, ensuring that all consumers have access to safe products. In addition, Türkiye is actively taking part in the Food and Agriculture Organization / World Health Organization Codex Alimentarius Commission in the establishment of international standards. Many firms are applying quality systems like HACCP or ISO 9000 standards and trying to satisfy further demands of their customers.

Türkiye is a net exporter of confectionery products. The export value of sugar and chocolate confectionery reached at 4,5 billion US dollars in 2025, which constituted 1.6% of Türkiye's total export revenue (USD 273,3 billion). Türkiye's confectionery sector maintained its strong position in international markets in 2025, with an export volume of 1.175 million tons and an export value of USD 4.5 billion. In recent years, modernization efforts within the sector, the use of advanced production technologies, and value added product development activities have been the key factors supporting export performance. The Turkish confectionery producers and exporters continue to develop innovative, high value added products that align with evolving global consumer trends and expectations, while ensuring full compliance with international quality and food safety standards. Turkish confectionery products are exported to a wide range of countries in the world and the number of the countries importing confectionery products from Türkiye increases every year. Türkiye is now exporting various confectionery products to around 198 countries worldwide.

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Türkiye to Host Global Seed Summit as Agricultural Exports Rise

Asian Seed Congress 2026 to welcome 1,000 delegates and 2,000 participants in Antalya this December, featuring technical sessions on modern seed production technologies, says head of Asia-Pacific Seed Association.



Türkiye's strategic geographical location bridging Europe and Asia and its favorable climate enable it to become a global seed industry powerhouse, the head of the Asia-Pacific Seed Association (APSA) said ahead of the Asian Seed Congress (ASC) summit. The summit will feature booths where companies

showcase their technologies in the exhibition area, giving participants the opportunity to meet directly with corporate representatives. Showcases will include new technologies not limited to artificial intelligence. Türkiye exports seeds to some 117 countries and ranks 10th worldwide in the seed sector, exporting to more than 130 countries. These seed exports include ornamental plants, seedlings and saplings.

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EVENTS

Turkish Companies From Various Sectors Will Participate in the Fairs Listed Below:

INTERNATIONAL FAIRS

FAIR	DATE		SECTOR	PLACE
SAUDI INDEX & SAUDI HOTEL & HOSPITALITY EXPO (Including All Co-Located Exhibitions)	15/09/2026	17/09/2026	Interior Design, Design, Furniture, Decoration, Hotel, Culinary and Hospitality Equipment	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
KIND & JUGEND 2026	15/09/2026	17/09/2026	Children's and Baby Products, Ready-to-Wear and Apparel	Cologne, Germany
LINEAPELLE 2026 II	15/09/2026	17/09/2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	Milan, Italy
WORLD FOOD MOSCOW 2026	15/09/2026	18/09/2026	Food and Food Technologies	Moscow, Russian Federation
ENERGETAB 2026	15/09/2026	17/09/2026	Energy, Energy Products and Technologies	Bielsko-Biala, Poland

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CHILD AND JUNIOR FASHION 2026/2	16/09/2026	19/09/2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	Moscow, Russian Federation
JEWELLERY & GEM WORLD HONG KONG	16/09/2026	20/09/2026	Precious Metals and Jewellery, Mining, Metals and Minerals	Hong Kong, China
PAPER & TISSUE SHOW 2026	21/09/2026	23/09/2026	Wood and Forest Products, Furniture and Related Technologies	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION EXHIBITION 2026 (Benghazi International Building, Construction and Technologies Exhibition)	21/09/2026	24/09/2026	Building and Construction Products and Technologies	Benghazi, Libya
AGRIDEV LIBYA 2026 (3rd International Agriculture, Food, Livestock Industries and Machinery Exhibition)	21/09/2026	24/09/2026	Agriculture, Food, Livestock Industries and Machinery	Tripoli, Libya
SHOP ARABIA 2026	22/09/2026	24/09/2026	Shopping Mall and In-Store Technologies and Decoration	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
THE BIG 5 CONSTRUCT NIGERIA	22/09/2026	24/09/2026	Building and Construction Products and Technologies	Lagos, Nigeria
MARMOMAC 2026	22/09/2026	25/09/2026	Natural Stone and Floor Coverings	Verona, Italy
CONSTRUCT IRAQ	22/09/2026	25/09/2026	Building and Construction Products and Technologies	Erbil, Iraq
EGYPT STITCH & TEX (TEXTILE TECHNOLOGIES EXHIBITION)	24/09/2026	27/09/2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	Cairo, Egypt

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SAUDI FOOD MANUFACTURING SHOW	27/09/2026	29/09/2026	Food and Food Technologies	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
THE SAUDI FOOD SHOW 2026	27/09/2026	29/09/2026	Food and Food Technologies	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
MIDDLE EAST COATINGS SHOW 2026	28/09/2026	30/09/2026	Chemical Industry and Technologies	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
BATIMAT PARIS 2026	28/09/2026	1/10/2026	Building and Construction Products and Technologies	Paris, France
INTERCLIMA 2026	28/09/2026	1/10/2026	HVAC and Climate Control	Paris, France
LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE SHOW (LA TEXTILE) 2026/2	29/09/2026	1/10/2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	Los Angeles, United States
ALIMENTARIA FOODTECH 2026	6/10/2026	8/10/2026	Food and Food Technologies	Barcelona, Spain
FRUIT ATTRACTION 2026	6/10/2026	8/10/2026	Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Dried Fruits, Organic Products, Frozen Fruit and Vegetables, Nuts, Spices, Fresh-Cut and Ready-to-Eat Fresh Produce, etc.	Madrid, Spain
BEAUTYWORLD MIDDLE EAST 2026	6/10/2026	8/10/2026	Chemical Industry and Technologies	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
ALGER TEXTILE 2026	8/10/2026	10/10/2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	Algiers, Algeria
AUTOTECH	9/10/2026	11/10/2026	Automotive and Automotive Supply Industry	Cairo, Egypt
INTERCHARM MOSCOW 2026	14/10/2026	17/10/2026	Chemical Industry and Technologies	Moscow, Russian Federation

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IGATEX 2026	15/10/2026	18/10/2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	Lahore, Pakistan
AGRENA	15/10/2026	17/10/2026	Food and Food Technologies	Cairo, Egypt
SIAL PARIS 2026	17/10/2026	21/10/2026	Food and Food Technologies	Paris, France
PACK EXPO INTERNATIONAL 2026	18/10/2026	21/10/2026	Packaging and Packing	Chicago, United States
SAUDI AGRICULTURE (AGROFOOD, FOOD PACK, AQUACULTURE)	19/10/2026	22/10/2026	Agriculture, Food, Aquaculture and Packaging	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
EDIFICA 2026	20/10/2026	22/10/2026	Building and Construction Products and Technologies	Santiago, Chile
EUROBLECH 2026	20/10/2026	23/10/2026	Sheet Metal Working Technologies	Hannover, Germany
BARCELONA TEXTILE EXPO 2026-2	21/10/2026	23/10/2026	Textiles, Apparel, Ready-to-Wear, Leather and Related Technologies	Barcelona, Spain
THE BIG 5 CONSTRUCT KENYA	21/10/2026	23/10/2026	Building and Construction Products and Technologies	Nairobi, Kenya
140TH CANTON FAIR – CHINA IMPORT AND EXPORT FAIR, PHASE 2	23/10/2026	27/10/2026	General Trade	Guangzhou, China
GLOBAL HEALTH EXHIBITION	26/10/2026	29/10/2026	Healthcare, Medical Equipment and Technical Instruments	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
INTERNATIONAL SUPPLIERS FAIR (IZB) 2026	27/10/2026	29/10/2026	Automotive and Automotive Supply Industry	Wolfsburg, Germany
PROPACK CAPE 2026	27/10/2026	29/10/2026	Packaging and Packing Products	Cape Town, South Africa
INTERLIGHT SMART CITY & HOME	27/10/2026	30/10/2026	Energy, Energy Products and Technologies	Moscow, Russian Federation

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CFSE 2026 – CHINA FISHERIES & SEAFOOD EXPO 2026	28/10/2026	30/10/2026	Food and Food Technologies	Qingdao, China
HEALTH EXPO IRAQ	28/10/2026	31/10/2026	Healthcare, Medical Equipment and Technical Instruments	Baghdad, Iraq
140TH CANTON FAIR – CHINA IMPORT AND EXPORT FAIR, PHASE 3	31/10/2026	4/11/2026	General Trade	Guangzhou, China

DOMESTIC FAIRS

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IBIA EXPO – 5th International Mattress Supply Industry and Technologies Fair	16/09/2026	19/09/2026	Mattress Supply Industry and Technologies	İstanbul
METAL EXPO EURASIA ISTANBUL – 8th International Iron, Non-Ferrous Metals, Steel, Pipes, Profiles, Stainless Steel, Alloy Metal Forging Technologies and Products Fair	16/09/2026	18/09/2026	Iron, Steel, Metals, Machinery, Components, Sales and Manufacturing Processes	İstanbul
FASTENER EXPO EURASIA – Eurasia Industrial Fasteners and Fixings Fair	17/09/2026	20/09/2026	Industrial Fasteners and Fixings, Manufacturing Technologies	İstanbul
INTERMOB 2026 – 28th International Furniture Supply Industry, Accessories, Forest Products and Wood Technology Fair	17/09/2026	20/09/2026	Wood and Forest Products and Materials, Furniture Accessories, Upholstered Furniture and Mattress Manufacturing Materials	İstanbul

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MUSIAD EXPO 2026 International MUSIAD Trade Fair	23/09/2026	26/09/2026	Construction, Furniture, Textiles and Ready-to- Wear, Food Products, Machinery and Equipment	İstanbul
SIGN İSTANBUL – 27th International Industrial Advertising and Digital Printing Technologies Fair	23/09/2026	26/09/2026	Printing, Advertising, Franchising, Promotional Products and Design	İstanbul
FUTURE FISH EURASIA	24/09/2026	26/09/2026	International Aquaculture Export and Processing, Aquaculture and Fisheries Fair	İzmir
MAKTEK EURASIA 2026 – 9th International Machine Tools, Sheet Metal Processing Machinery, Tool Holders, Cutting Tools, Quality Control, Measurement Systems, CAD/CAM, PLM, Software and Manufacturing Technologies Fair	28/09/2026	3/10/2026	Machine Tools, Metalworking Machinery, Welding, Cutting and Drilling Technologies, Quality Control, Testing and Measurement Equipment	İstanbul
IJS – İSTANBUL JEWELRY SHOW – 60th Istanbul International Jewelry, Gold, Silver, Precious Stones and Technologies Fair	30/09/2026	3/10/2026	Jewelry, Gold, Silver, Precious Stones, Technologies and Related Supply Industries	İstanbul
CRAFTİSTANBUL – 7th International Regional and Traditional Handicrafts Fair	1/10/2026	4/10/2026	Regional and Traditional Handicrafts and Design	İstanbul

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AYMOD International Footwear Fashion Fair	7/10/2026	10/10/2026	Footwear, Bags, Belts, Wallets, Companies, Representatives and Trade Publications	İstanbul
6th International MOBISAD IMEX Fair	7/10/2026	10/10/2026	Mobile Communications, Consumer Electronics and Emerging Technologies Fair	İstanbul
ISAF SMARTEX – 15th International Smart Cities, Buildings, Transportation, Management and Living Fair	7/10/2026	10/10/2026	Smart Cities, Buildings, Transportation, Management and Living	İstanbul
ISAF INTERNATIONAL – 30th International Security, Homeland Security, Cybersecurity, Fire Safety and Occupational Health & Safety Fair	7/10/2026	10/10/2026	Security, Homeland Security, Cybersecurity, Fire Safety and Occupational Health & Safety	İstanbul
PETZOO EURASIA – 12th International Pet Products, Materials and Accessories Suppliers Fair	7/10/2026	10/10/2026	Pet Products, Materials and Accessories	İstanbul
EURASIA PACKAGING ISTANBUL 2026 – 31st International Packaging Industry Fair (PRINTPACK & CONVERTING – Packaging Printing Technologies, Corrugated Board, Paper and Cardboard Packaging Production Technologies Special Section / FOOD-TECH EURASIA – Food and Beverage Production and Processing Technologies Special Section)	13/10/2026	16/10/2026	Packaging Products and Machinery, Beverage and Liquid Food Technologies, Printing Technologies, Corrugated Board and Cardboard, Food and Beverage Production and Processing Technologies	İstanbul

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AGROGREEN BURSA – 2nd Agriculture, Livestock, Dairy, Greenhouse Technologies, Seeds, Seedlings, Saplings and Live Animals Fair	14/10/2026	17/10/2026	Live Animals, Agriculture, Livestock, Agricultural Machinery, Meat, Dairy, Greenhouse Technologies, Feed and Seeds	Bursa
IBAKTECH – 15th International Bread and Pastry Machinery, Ice Cream, Chocolate and Technologies Fair	14/10/2026	17/10/2026	Bread and Pastry Machinery, Ice Cream, Chocolate and Related Technologies	İstanbul
ANKIROS – 17th International Iron-Steel, Foundry, Non-Ferrous Metallurgy Technologies, Machinery and Products Trade Fair	22/10/2026	24/10/2026	Iron-Steel, Foundry and Non-Ferrous Metals Technologies, Machinery and Equipment	İstanbul
WOODTECH 2026 – 39th International Woodworking Machinery, Cutting Tools and Hand Tools Fair	22/10/2026	25/10/2026	Woodworking Machinery, Furniture Manufacturing Machinery and Machine Tools, Cutting Tools and Hand Tools	İstanbul

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